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Orleans channels New Orleans for Mardi Gras with the Mumbo Jumbo Voodoo Combo at the Shenkman Arts Centre's Richcraft Theatre.

Fuel up on orange blossom carrot salad and a classic New Orleans jambalaya (shrimp, chicken, chorizos sausages, vegetables and rice) plus corn bread and for dessert, Louisiana-style king cake.

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If you're tired of hiding out from the weather, hop across the river and celebrate it with winter sports at the 35th Annual Gatineau Loppet, which just happens to be the largest cross-country skiing event in Canada.

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Gatineau's Mont-Blue High School is ground zero once again for the weekend-long meet, with races for all levels of ability ranging from a two kilometre family run to the elite-level 55-kilometre classic.

The Chelsea Pub has you covered for après-ski with an onsite bistro to treat those sore muscles, rumbling stomachs and dry throats.

National Capital Craft Beer Week, Ottawa beer-lovers' event of the summer, slaps on a toque for the first ever Winterbrewed Festival on Sparks Street, with winterized offerings from a who's who of independent brewers, from Beau's to Broadhead, Mill Street to Muskoka, HogsBack to Hogtown.

Add live entertainment, a snowman lounge and maple taffy on snow and other treats courtesy the Vanier Museopark, and this open air beer festival becomes a full-on winter block party. For something completely different, try the hot mulled or espresso-infused beer at the winter warming tent.

The newest and most unusual addition to Ottawa's club scene returns Feb. 22, as Nature Nocturne stages its second monthly takeover of the Canadian Museum of Nature. Explore the museum's exhibitions by night, meet artists throughout the galleries and enjoy snacks and cocktails.

This month's edition features interactive art installations by Carousel 008: Interactive Environments and Gabe Thirwall, classical guitar by Chris Milne, and of course a DJ and dancing until midnight.

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UNGODLY CHARGES

Retired Ottawa priest Jacques Faucher, left, exits the courthouse guided by his lawyer Denis Cadieux on Thursday. Faucher faces charges of gross indecency and indecent assault. Story on page 2. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Cop faces child-abuse allegations

'Horrific.' Mountie and woman face charges of aggravated sexual assault

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A 41-year old RCMP officer is facing multiple charges, including aggravated sexual assault and forcible confinement, after a child-abuse investigation by the Ottawa Police Service.

The Ottawa Mountie and a 34-year-old Ottawa woman have been charged with multiple counts of assault, assault with a weapon, forcible confinement and failure to provide the necessities of life. The RCMP officer is also facing one count of aggravated sexual assault.

"All you need to read about is to see what the accused people are charged with ... to know that these are horrific allegations of abuse," said Ottawa Police Services Supt. Ty Cameron.

Details of the case entered at a bail hearing are under a publication ban pending trial. The names of the accused pair are also under a publication ban to shield the identities of the children.

Ottawa police say they charged the two on Tuesday after an investigation by the sexual-assault and child-abuse section. The man was arrested at his Ottawa residence. The woman was arrested "after further investigation," according to acting Staff Sgt. Frank D'Aoust.

The stocky 41-year-old stared at the floor of an Ottawa courtroom on Thursday as the Crown read out the allegations against him.

Ottawa RCMP said he's been suspended without pay effective immediately — and noted he has not been on active duty with the force since May 2011.

RCMP A Division spokeswoman Corp. Lucy Shorey could not give a reason as to why he was not on active duty. She also could not say how long he has been with the force. Shorey said these details could identify the victims.

Both of the accused appear in court again on Friday.

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"Some of the things we go to are very black and dark. And (officers) do what they have to to help kids.... They help our victims." Supt. Ty Cameron

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Retired priest appears in court on sex-abuse charges

Longtime member of Ottawa's Catholic community. Charges relate to a series of alleged incidents involving a young boy in the 1970s

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A retired Catholic priest appeared in an Ottawa court Thursday to hear charges against him of gross indecency and indecent assault stemming back to an alleged incident in the early 1970s involving a seven-year-old boy.

Looking calm and unassuming as he heard the charges, Jacques Faucher, 76, appeared at a bail hearing shortly after 11:30 a.m. He was released in the afternoon under several conditions and a $6,000 bond after being arrested Feb. 13 and spending a night in jail.

A resident of Aylmer but a longtime member of Ottawa's Catholic community, Faucher was instructed by a judge to stay away from libraries, schools, pools, parks or anywhere that children congregate. He was also instructed to surrender any cameras, video-recording equipment or other electronic devices.

He was told not to communicate with the victim, who cannot be named due to a publication ban, by email, text, Internet or any other means.

The charges relate to a series of alleged incidents involving a young boy in the 1970s, police said in a release. The charges were laid following an investigation started in November 2012.

Ottawa's Catholic community sought to distance itself from Faucher with a statement from Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast Thursday morning. "On learning that Fr. Jacques Faucher has been charged with criminal misconduct in relation to a minor," he wrote, "I want to advise our Catholic faithful and the wider community that I have suspended him from all ministry and prohibited him from representing himself as a Catholic priest."

Ordained at Ottawa's Notre Dame Cathedral in 1960, Faucher has provided years of community service, having taught Catholicism at several high schools and served on the French Language Consultative Committee of the Ottawa School Board and as a school trustee.

He also served at several churches in the region, including Notre Dame-des-Anges, Saint-Louis-Marie-de-Montfort, Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc and Christ-Roi.

Next court date

Jacques Faucher is scheduled to appear in court again Mar. 12.

Driver, child safe and sound after school-bus blaze

A driver and a child are safe after a school bus caught fire on Stage Coach Road near Dalmeny Road early Thursday morning. Ottawa Fire Services responded to a call at 7:45 a.m. indicating a school bus was burning. The driver and the lone student on the bus were already outside, waiting in another vehicle. The bus was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived. Stage Coach Road was closed temporarily but has since reopened. The cause of the fire is under investigation. CONTRIBUTED/OTTAWA FIRE SERVICES

Nine years on, mother wants 'justice' for slain son

Douglas Stewart
POLICE HANDOUT

Linda Beland didn't hold a vigil for her murdered son last year. It was the first time she hadn't since 2004. But Beland vows to bring her solemn tradition back on Monday to keep Douglas Stewart's memory alive.

"I regret it with all my heart and soul because now I know why I did it," said Linda Beland, whose son's murder has not been solved. "I'm my son's voice now."

Stewart was 19 years old when he was found dead in his Donald Street apartment on Feb. 18, 2004. Police said his skull was crushed with a tire iron.

The case remains open, but there haven't been any recent developments Beland knows about. There is a $50,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction.

Stewart's case is one among several that remain unsolved by Ottawa police.

The Feb. 6 arrest of Marc Leduc, 56, in connection with two other unsolved murders — the deaths of Pamela Kosmack and Leanne Lawson — buoyed Beland's spirits a little bit.

"When I heard that, my heart was overwhelmed with joy for the family," she said. "It gave me some sort of hope for my son."

But, she says "time is ticking," adding that it will be a decade next year that her son was killed.

Staff Sgt. Robert Drummond with the major crime unit has attended the vigils for years but said he cannot be there this year because he will be out of town. He said there will be uniformed presence at the vigil.

It will be held at 7 p.m. at the Grotte Notre Dame de Lourdes in Vanier. There will be a balloon release followed by a hockey game in the nearby parking lot, Beland said.

For her, it is a form of therapy — but she said it's also a chance to remind the public about her son, whom she described as a "funny boy with the biggest heart."

"The person that did that to my son needs to be punished. You can't do that," she said. "I'm very happy I'm doing it this year. We will continue until justice is served."

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Toddlers and parents enjoy Winterlude while playing with colourful ice blocks in Confederation Park.
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Lots of Family Day fun to be had across the city on Monday

Get outside! Still haven't figured out what to do on Feb. 18? Look no further

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Family Day, for many, is a mini-vacation island between Christmas and the arrival of spring. Rather than brainstorming for hours on how to make the most of the holiday with your loved ones, check out our rundown of exciting family-friendly events around town.

Winterlude 2013:
The Snowflake Kingdom in Jacques-Cartier Park is sure to delight little ones and adults alike with its ice slides and playground of snow. The final weekend of Winterlude is the best time to check it out, because when it's gone, it won't be back for another year. Plenty of events are planned, including Winterbrewed, a craft-beer event on Sparks Street on Saturday and Sunday.

Backyard Sugar Makers' Workshop:
Maple sap is flowing from the trees once again and the season kicks off at Fulton's Pancake House & Sugar Bush in Lanark County. Families can learn how to tap their own backyard maple trees in hands-on workshops on Feb. 17 and 18, and discover how to turn that sap into syrup. Tickets are $20 per family and include a take-home kit for tapping.

Sanctuary Song and NAC Family Day events:
The true story of the 22-year friendship between Sydney the Asian elephant and her compassionate zookeeper gets an operatic treatment aimed at youngsters in Sanctuary Song on Feb. 16 and 18. Tickets start at $18. The theatre also invites families to fill their lobby on Family Day for a host of interactive activities including stories, games, displays and special workshops.

Chew Wisely:
Healthy eating and physical activity step into the spotlight at the Canada Agriculture Museum with free workshops and a fresh-air experience to awaken their senses. The museum's live pigs, chickens, rabbits, horses and dairy and beef cows are tried-and-true delights for kids once they've gotten a dose of the outdoors. Entry is by donation and activities start on Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. in English and 1 p.m. in French.

Disney on Ice:
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Harper criticized for telling victims to 'get on' and report abuse

RCMP officers accused. Human-rights group says prime minister is missing fear of reprisal

The human-rights watchdog that documented allegations of police abuse against aboriginal women in British Columbia is taking Prime Minister Stephen Harper to task for telling victims to just "get on" with reporting abuse.

Samer Muscati, a Canadian researcher who was involved in compiling the report released Wednesday, said Harper missed the whole point — that aboriginal women and girls are often too traumatized to co-operate with police.

"Those comments ignore the fear of reprisal those victims have," Muscati told The Canadian Press in an interview Thursday.

The report, from a New York group called Human Rights Watch, accuses RCMP officers of abusing aboriginal women and girls in northern B.C., and also includes an allegation of rape.

The alleged incidents were uncovered as part of a broader investigation into charges of systemic neglect of missing and murdered aboriginal women along B.C.'s Highway 16, nicknamed the "Highway of Tears."

Harper said the government has asked the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP to look into the allegations but he urged those connected with the report to simply come forward.

"If Human Rights Watch, the Liberal party or anyone else is aware of serious allegations involving criminal activity, they should give that information to the appropriate police so that they can investigate it," he told the House of Commons on Wednesday. "Just get on and do it."

Muscati said Human Rights Watch tried to brief Harper and three cabinet members in advance of the report's release, but they were rebuffed.

Muscati said the group has no intention of sharing the information it has about the abuse allegations, as Harper urged them to do.

"We have to stand by the victims who have asked us not to identify them because they're terrified of police retaliation," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

For the missing, murdered and marginalized

People take part in the March For Missing and Murdered Women on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday.

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Refugee claims

Mexico added to 'safe country' list

Mexico, a country awash in drug-related violence, is no longer considered by Canada to be a major source of genuine refugees.

It was among eight "safe" countries added Thursday to a controversial list now used by immigration to fast-track claims.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney has said the changes will help cut through fraudulent claims clogging the system.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lost data. Bureaucrats 'sorry' for privacy breach

We're sorry and we're trying to ensure it never happens again.

That was the message Thursday from senior federal bureaucrats responsible for the loss of personal information belonging to more than half a million Canadians.

Employees at Human Resources and Skills Development Canada lost an external hard drive and USB key in November, resulting in a massive privacy breach.

"Sensitive personal information was stored on unencrypted portable storage devices and not properly secured. This should not have occurred," said Ian Shugart, a deputy minister with the department. "I apologize for these incidents."

A trio of bureaucrats from the department appeared before a House of Commons committee Thursday to give their account of the events.

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Oscar Pistorius

From podium to police cell

Since captivating the world with his groundbreaking Olympic trip to London, Oscar Pistorius's life seemed like an extended victory lap.

More than 230,000 Twitter followers have been given a glimpse into a life of fast cars and luxury holidays as the hero was feted by an adoring public. The "Blade Runner" has revelled in the fame that came from becoming the first amputee sprinter to compete at both the Olympics and Paralympics.

Among dozens of tweets in recent weeks, there are only a scattering of references to the girlfriend he is now accused of killing on Thursday.

Quoting a tweet from Reeva Steenkamp on Dec. 6 — "Wondering what my stalker is up to? Kinda miss him lurking around 2nyt" — Pistorius replies: "Heard he is taking a water break with the boys!;)"

Steenkamp gushed over Pistorius on Twitter, seeming to relish going out with one of South Africa's biggest stars.

By contrast, there was little outpouring of affection from Pistorius, although there was no indication their relationship had soured. Steenkamp was shot four times at Pistorius' home in Pretoria.

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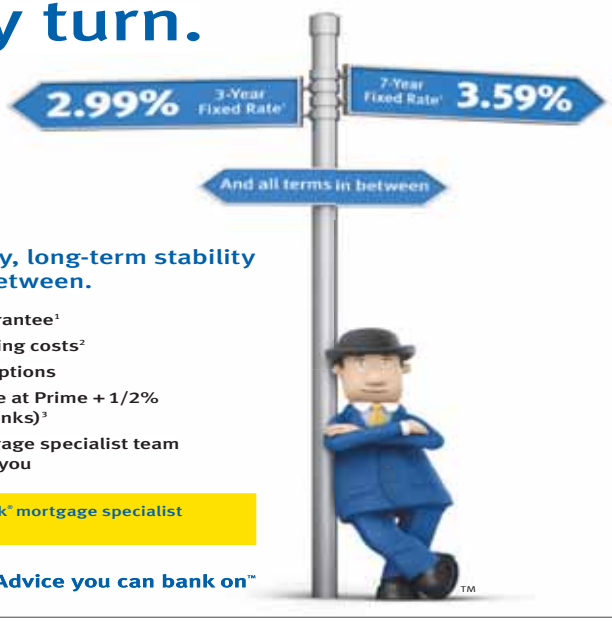

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Oscar Pistorius leaves a police station Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pistorius charged with murder of girlfriend

'Blade Runner.' Model Reeva Steenkamp was shot at the home of Paralympic superstar Oscar Pistorius

South African Paralympic sprint runner Oscar Pistorius was charged Thursday with the murder of his girlfriend who was shot inside his home, a stunning development in the life of a national hero known as the Blade Runner for his high-tech artificial legs.

Reeva Steenkamp, a model who spoke out on Twitter against rape and abuse of women, was shot four times in the pre-dawn hours in the house, in a gated community in the capital, Pretoria, police said.

Hours later after undergoing police questioning, Pistorius left a police station accompanied by officers. He looked down as photographers snapped pictures, the hood on his grey workout jacket pulled up, covering most of his face.

His court hearing was originally scheduled for Thursday afternoon but has been postponed until Friday to give forensic investigators time to carry out their work.

South Africans were shocked at the killing. But while Pistorius captured the world's attention with his Olympic quest, police said there was a recent history of problems involving the athlete. Police spokeswoman Brigadier Denise Beukes said the incidents included "allegations of a domestic nature."

"I'm not going to elaborate on it but there have been incidents (at Pistorius's home)." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beauty with a law degree

Reeva Steenkamp, 30, campaigned against rape and violence against women. Thursday morning she was to give a talk at a Johannesburg school. The next day she was going to wear black to protest the brutal rape and mutilation of a 17-year-old.

- The freckled, leggy blond appeared in international advertisements and was South Africa's face of Avon.

An undated photo of Reeva Steenkamp during a photo shoot. She was shot four times Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Merger gives birth to U.S. mega-airline

$11B deal. New carrier formed by US Airways, American Airlines will carry more passengers than any other in world

American Airlines and US Airways jets park at the Philadelphia International Airport on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Airlines and US Airways agreed Thursday to merge in an $11-billion deal that would create the world's biggest airline.

The combined carrier will be called American Airlines and be based in Fort Worth, Texas. It expects to have $40 billion in annual revenue and offer more than 6,700 daily flights to 336 destinations in 56 countries.

The deal is a coup for smaller US Airways Group Inc., and was driven by the persistence of its CEO, Doug Parker, who will run the combined airline. Parker sought a merger almost as soon as American parent AMR Corp. filed for bankruptcy protection in November 2011.

As Parker pushed ahead, creditors forced AMR's management to consider the value of a merger compared with a plan for an independent American. Eventually they concluded that the best return for stakeholders, and the best chance to compete with bigger rivals United Airlines and Delta Air Lines, came from a merger.

The deal also caps a turbulent half-decade of bankruptcies and consolidation for the U.S. airline industry.

Since 2008, Delta gobbled up Northwest, United absorbed Continental and Southwest bought AirTran Airways. If this latest merger goes through, American, United, Delta and Southwest will control about three-quarters of U.S. airline traffic.

The merger, expected to close in this year's third quarter, will reduce the number of major U.S. airlines to four: the new American, United, Delta and Southwest. That concerns some consumer advocates, but Parker sought to assure travelers that the merger helps them too — by creating a bigger rival to United and Delta.

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Delayed effect

- Travellers on American and US Airways won't notice immediate changes as a result of the merger. It likely will be months before the frequent-flier programs are combined and years before the two airlines are fully integrated.

Buffett will have some ketchup on the side

Billionaire Warren Buffett is dipping into the ketchup business as part of a $23.3-billion deal to buy H.J. Heinz Co., uniting a legend of American investing with a mainstay of grocery store shelves. It's the largest deal ever in the food industry and is intended to help Heinz accelerate its transformation into a global business. The company, based in Pittsburgh, also makes Classico pasta sauces, Ore-Ida potatoes and Smart Ones frozen meals. Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway is partnering on the deal with 3G Capital, the investment firm that bought Burger King in 2010. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

New cars must have shoulder belts for rear centre seats, feds say

All new cars built in Canada as of September 2015 will come equipped with shoulder safety belts for the rear centre seat, a change that's part of an alignment of auto safety regulations in Canada and the U.S.

New crash test standards are also being adopted that could both improve automotive safety and save car makers millions of dollars, Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said Thursday as she took part in announcing the changes.

On top of adding a mandatory requirement for lap and shoulder seat belts in the rear centre seat, car makers will have to use female and child-sized dummies in their crash tests, says Transport Canada. Those tests must also be conducted at higher speeds for front-end crashes.

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Parting ways

Balsillie has sold BlackBerry shares, filing shows

Jim Balsillie once re-mortgaged his house to help build the BlackBerry company, but by the end of last year, the former co-CEO had cleaned out any shareholder stake he still owned.

A document filed with U.S. regulators shows that by Dec. 31 of last year he no longer held shares in the company formerly known as Research In Motion.

In January 2012, Balsillie resigned from the co-CEO position, alongside co-founder Mike Lazaridis. They took director roles, but Balsillie completely exited the firm hardly two months later.

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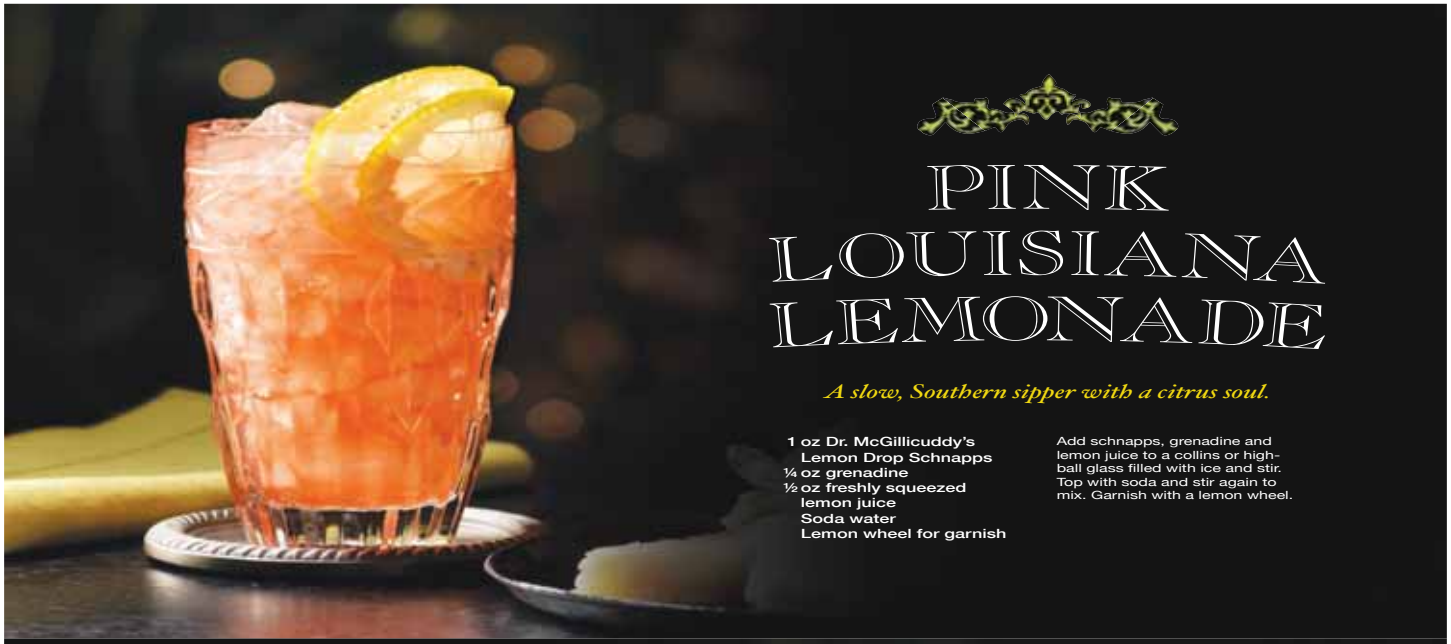

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THE LIST
Mike Benhaim
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1 **Un, deux, trois.** U.S. President Barack Obama reacted to North Korea's nuclear test Tuesday by promising firm action on what he views as Kim Jong-un's "highly provocative act." The prez claims the move blatantly threatens U.S. security and international peace. After all, America already has all the nuclear weapons the world will ever need.

2 **Missionary position.** We bid farewell to Pope Benedict XVI, a sports fan obviously named after Super Bowl XVI when the 49ers defeated the Bengals. This week, the papal 'Giant' gathered the 'Cardinals,' some of whom might be 'Saints,' and ask the 'Angels' to decide which 'Patriots' cup will runeth over. Vatican spokesman, Father 'Lombardi' says that Benedict is keeping the 'book' close, but that he has spent the last eight years assembling a team of veterans, still young enough to compete, that he believes can go all the way. So there.

3 **Games people play.** Jacques Rogge, president of the International Olympic Committee, has agreed to discuss the decision to drop wrestling from the Games, but let's face it, who cares? I mean, we're not talking about a REAL sport like table tennis or synchronized swimming.

4 **Fortunate sons.** Wonton Food Inc., largest U.S. producer of fortune cookies, has ceased printing intimate messages like: "the evening promises romantic interest," because some parents complained they were inappropriate for their children. OK folks, if this offends you, my first suggestion is: don't have kids. And if you choose to disregard this wisdom, well, good luck with school, the Internet, HBO, or raising a child in general.

5 **Space marketing.** The SETI International Astronomical Union (IAU) started a public poll to name the recently discovered moons orbiting Pluto. The guidelines strictly specify names of underworld characters in Greek or Roman mythology, which disqualifies my entries of Kim and Khloe, Snooki and JWoww, and Tito and Jermaine, but many of the names from Harry Potter films still apply.

6 **Alternate reality TV.** I dreamed I was at a party full of good-looking, talented, rich hobbyists who regularly have outrageous sex with extraordinarily attractive people. One would intermittently raise a glass to praise the other publicly for the value of their recreational output. I found myself looking in while the distance between us grew and panic set in just as I awoke, relieved that I hadn't missed the Grammys.

7 **Capital duplicity.** Notorious infidelity website Ashley Madison released its list of Canadian cities with the most cheating spouses. The hands-down winner was Ottawa, where about one out of every 20 residents are members. This sparked an outcry among citizens who were devastated to discover there is such dishonesty in our nation's capital.

8 **Hear me roar.** This week in 1975, at the height of women's lib, Linda Ronstadt had her first and only solo #1 U.S. hit with You're No Good. Ladies throughout America expressed solidarity as they enthusiastically sang the chorus to their men before defiantly leaving them. Just in time for Valentine's Day.

Kim, Kourtney and Khloe Kardashian can't keep up with Pluto's new moon name requirements, recent reports suggest. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British army deploys the toy

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Warfare technology

Spy chopper fits in palm of your hand

It looks like a toy helicopter but one commander has called it "a game-changing piece of kit" in modern warfare.

This pocket-sized aircraft, Black Hornet Nano, has been unveiled as the British army's latest weapon against the Taliban. The surveillance drone has three cameras fitted inside its nose to allow troops to spy on enemies from afar.

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Army's viewpoint

"Previously, we'd have sent soldiers forward to see if there were any enemy fighters hiding inside a set of buildings. Now we're deploying a Black Hornet to look inside compounds. It's so small and quiet that the locals can't see or hear it."

Maj. Adam Foden, commander of the Brigade Reconnaissance Force at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan

The drone relays video and still images to a handheld control terminal. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

War casualties

Drones have killed children: UN

Drones are now a mainstay for the military but they are not without controversy.

U.S. attacks by manned and unmanned aircraft have killed "hundreds" of children in Afghanistan, according to the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The UN body said casualties were "due notably to reported lack of precautionary measures."

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@hannahkeiko: Shoutout to Ottawa cab drivers, always the nicest compliments from them #ThanksBro

@claptraap: That moment when you look at the scoring stats and see Ottawa's leading scorer is Erik Karlsson.

@The_Real_Alyssa: Washed & ironed my @Maple-Leafs 's jersey ready for the game Saturday. My roommate from Ottawa is gonna be an enemy for 1 night.

@kateshep07: Just re-watched last night's hit on Erik Karlsson; are we not yet past the point of giving Matt Cooke the benefit of the doubt? #sens #nhl

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Sarah Polley's Stories We Tell is just one of the more recent great made-in-Canada films. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Films of the true North strong and free

Celebrating the maple leaf. The Reel Guys take a look at their fave movies made by Canucks on National Flag of Canada Day

Richard: Mark, Canada has a rich tradition of documentary film making, so I thought I'd start with one of my recent favourite Can Con films, a doc by Sarah Polley. Stories We Tell is a frank look at a family secret. For years Sarah's family wondered why she didn't look like her father, actor Michael Polley. In the film she examines the story of her parentage, but what could have been a self-indulgent home movie is, instead, a riveting look into the dynamics of a group of individuals bound together by birth and circumstance. What's grabbed you lately?

Mark: As it turns out, she doesn't look much like her actual father, either! Yes, it's a good movie, although the last 20 minutes seemed too abstract for the rest of the film. I don't think you can talk about Canadian film without talking about French-Canadian film. I'm especially thinking of the great Denys Arcand, whose films play like a Quebecois version of Woody Allen's neurotic New Yorkers, and some of the coming-of-age-themed movies like C.R.A.Z.Y and Léolo, which I think is a masterpiece.

RC: Masterpiece is a big word — literally, it's 11 letters! But it's also applicable in the case of the movies you mentioned. While we're waving that flag I'd also add in Hard Core Logo, Bruce McDonald's long hard look at a punk band's life and death on the road. It's one of the best-loved Canadian films of all time and an all-time favourite of mine, regardless of origin. Less known, but also worthwhile, is the sequel HCL2, an eye-popping followup that captures the spirit of the first film but is also fresh and surprising.

MB: There are hidden gems throughout our cinematic history. One of my favourites, Richard? A Fan's Notes, from 1972. Based on the Frederick Exley book of the same name, it's a dark comedy about a middle-aged guy who realizes he will always be a fan, but never a player, in everything he does.

RC: A few years after A Fan's Notes I saw The Silent Partner, a heist movie about a mall Santa with plans to rob a bank. It's an entertaining movie with two lasting images: the newly built Toronto Eaton Centre and Christopher Plummer in drag!

MB: And if you watch Goin' Down The Road from 1970, the Royal York Hotel is the tallest building on the Toronto skyline!

Synopsis

The most romantic day of the year has come and gone, and while the rest of you are finishing off heart-shaped boxes of chocolates, the Reel Guys are celebrating National Flag of Canada Day by rounding up some of the best Canadian films.

The 63rd Annual Berlinale, Germany's frosty answer to the Cannes Film Festival, is currently taking place, screening more than 400 films from around the world, with 19 of those competing for the Golden Bear award. Here's some of the can't-miss entries.

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Side Effects

A week after its release in the U.S., Steven Soderbergh brings his "last" film to Berlin — he's threatening retirement after this and his HBO film Behind the Candelabra. If this is it, he's going out on a high note, with a taut adult thriller rooted in America's dependence on the pharmaceutical industry for mental health issues.

The Necessary Death of Charlie Countryman

Frederik Bond's bizarre dystopian romance starring Shia LaBeouf and Evan Rachel Wood received some fairly lousy reviews out of Sundance, so it isn't likely to earn any statues here, but what critics say about the over-the-top content of the film makes it fascinating and hard to miss.

Yi Dai Zong Shi (The Grandmaster)

While it's not a part of the competition, Wong Kar-wai's attention-grabbing martial arts masterpiece has been selected as the festival's opening night film. The historical epic about the origins of kung fu, featuring fight choreography by Yuen Woo-ping (the Matrix, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) offers plenty action and art-house.

Night Train to Lisbon

Based on Pascal Mercier's high-minded 2004 novel, Oscar-winner Billie August's film finds Jeremy Irons as a Swiss professor abandoning his post to investigate the life of a deceased Portuguese doctor. With Melanie Laurent, Jack Huston and Charlotte Rampling along for this journey, this could prove to be some good, sophisticated fun.

Dark Blood

Also screening out of competition, this title is likely the most anticipated, as director George Sluizer has finally "completed" his 1993 film, left unfinished when star River Phoenix died of a drug overdose 10 days before shooting was to be completed. The missing segments are filled in with Sluizer's voice-over.

Brief

Phoenix's last film to screen

The late River Phoenix's last movie, Dark Blood, has received a rare screening at the Berlin film festival. But its director says the picture may never go out for general release. George Sluizer told reporters Thursday negotiations with the financial company that owns the movie are "tough" because "they don't care about culture, they care about money." Phoenix died of a drug overdose in October 1993. He stars as a young widower living in the Arizona desert who takes a couple prisoner.

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Should kids be in the Oscar race?

Award season analysis. With 9-year-old Quvenzhane Wallis in the running for a best actress statue, experts debate if children are deserving of coveted awards

Beasts of the Southern Wild star Quvenzhane Wallis is an actress of talent, poise and maturity well beyond her years.

She was only five years old when she auditioned and six when she played the part of Hushpuppy, a little girl of fierce strength and resourcefulness living with her daddy in a squalid slab of Louisiana swampland known as The Bathtub. She was just a regular kid from nearby Houma, La. — she'd never even acted before, and actually pretended to be a year older than she was to be considered.

Now, at only nine, Quvenzhane (Kuh-VAHN-zuh-nay) is the youngest-ever actress nominee at the Academy Awards. Altogether, Beasts has four nominations at the Feb. 24 ceremony, including best picture.

While her presence is undeniable, Quvenzhane's nomination raises the question: How young is too young to compete for an Oscar, the film industry's highest honour, which has eluded performers with decades more experience and acclaim? Is a child really capable of acting, with craft, or do these performances reflect uncanny instinct?

Director Benh Zeitlin doesn't think nine is too young for such an honour. Zeitlin, who is up for a best-director Oscar himself with just his first feature, praised Quvenzhane for the incredible sense of self she displayed from the beginning. But he also recalled one day when she seemed to be struggling on set, and he took her aside to ask what was wrong.

"'I know, I can't snap it today. Normally I can snap it,'" he remembered her saying.

"The fact that she had an internal sense of when she's in character, when she's getting the emotions right and feeling it, is really special even in experienced actors, but especially someone of her age to have that sort of self-awareness."

Justin Henry, who remains the youngest-ever Oscar nominee in any category for 1979's Kramer vs. Kramer, said that in some ways it's a purer form of acting at this age.

Henry was just six years old and had never acted when a casting director came to his Rye, N.Y., school looking for someone to play Billy, the little boy at the centre of Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep's custody battle.

He was seven when he shot the film and eight when he was nominated for best supporting actor. He lost to 78-year-old Melvyn Douglas for Being There. (Tatum O'Neal is still the youngest Oscar winner in any category; she was 10 when she earned the supporting-actress Oscar for 1973's Paper Moon.)

A voting Academy member, Henry said he thought it was "awesome" to see Quvenzhane get nominated for the acclaimed Fox Searchlight indie drama,

Quvenzhane Wallis is the youngest-ever actress nominee at the Academy Awards. ALL PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

which he called the best movie of the year. Now 41 with a seven-year-old daughter of his own, he looks back at his own nomination and acknowledges: "I didn't even know what it meant. ... I just remember being nervous as hell about having to give a speech in front of 3,000 people.

"That's the great thing about acting: In some ways, it's a child's game," said Henry, who went on to play Molly Ringwald's wisecracking younger brother in the John Hughes classic Sixteen Candles and now specializes in web video distribution.

"You're just pretending, so sometimes it's easy when you're a kid. You just kind of follow your instincts."

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Justin Henry, right, seen here with Dustin Hoffman in 1979, was the youngest-ever Oscar nominee.

No place for a kid

Thelma Adams, contributing editor at Yahoo! Movies and a longtime awards prognosticator, points out that Shirley Temple was already well on her way to a career by the time she was six, the same year she earned an honorary juvenile Oscar. "With (Quvenzhane's) performance, it's kind of a life force. They've captured this wonderful little girl ... but it's not an acting performance," says Adams. "I've seen her at parties," she adds. "I know she can get up in her party dress and charm, but I also saw a little girl who'd rather be riding a pony at a kids' party. ... To have her nominated, it's not good for her, no matter how great she was in the movie — and she was terrific — but this red carpet thing is a grind."

Drama

On the Road

Director. Walter Salles

Stars. Garrett Hedlund, Kristen Stewart

It's taken 55 years for the classic novel On the Road to be interpreted to the big-screen. Sadly, perhaps that struggle was a sign it never should've been. Adapted by Brazilian director Walter Salles (The Motorcycle Diaries), the quintessential road movie documenting writer Sal Paradise and his spontaneous pal Dean Moriarty's travels can't capture the magical energy of Jack Kerouac's so-called "unfilmable" novel and winds up inert and unaffecting.

STEVE GOW

A Glimpse Inside The Mind of Coppola

Movies. It's 'told from a guy's point of view,' but filmmaker says film is just about the human condition

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Actor Jason Schwartzman and filmmaker Roman Coppola are clearly good pals. Not only have they worked on several films together (including Moonrise Kingdom — for which Coppola has earned an Oscar nomination for best writing) but the duo are practically inseparable as they pitch their latest comedy.

"I just think we're collaborative by nature and I think it's a good fit," explained Schwartzman recently during an interview. "And Roman, his attitude is if you can dream of it, we can do it — we'll find a way."

Coppola has truly tested that mantra in A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III. Not only is the film's title considerable but the "wild movie" involves a stylized world in which a graphic designer's life (played by Charlie Sheen) unravels at the sudden departure of his true love in spite of his best friend's (Schwartzman) support.

"It's told from a guy's point of view but I was pleased when I showed the film and a good, close friend said (she) really related to that character," admitted Coppola, who is certainly unafraid to enact the sex-obsessed title character's fantasies in the quirky comedy.

"Hopefully it's just about the human condition, so anyone can enjoy it."

The film (which opens Friday) has also been drawing obvious parallels between Charles Swan and its notorious star Charlie Sheen — a circumstance that Coppola stops short of admitting, if only to praise the actor.

"He has a wit, charisma and charm that's just something certain people have and most people don't," said Coppola.

"I knew that he had those chops and abilities as a really fine actor so I was excited and felt confident that he would nail it and was really excited to present him back on the big-screen again because I think he deserves to be there."

Schwartzman's beard

"It was determined pretty early on that I would don as much curly hair as possible and as thick a beard as was doable. (My beard) cast quite an enormous shadow if the sun hit me in the right way."

Schwartzman, of his stylized look in the film.

Actors Charlie Sheen, left, and Jason Schwartzman in A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III. HANDOUT

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Ottawa

Bytowne Cinema
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Amour (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat 1:45-9:15 Sun 4:25 Mon 1:30-6:25 Tue 4:15 Wed 9:05
Hyde Park on Hudson (PG) Sat 4:25 Sun 7:05
It Happened One Night (STC) Fri 4:30
A Late Quartet (18A) Mon 4:10 Tue 6:50 Wed 4:15
On the Road (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat 6:35 Sun 1:45-9:15 Mon 8:59 Tue 9:05 Wed 6:30 Thu 4:20

Canadian Film Institute
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

Inuk (STC) Fri 9
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat-Thu
Soundbreaker: The World of Kimmo Pohjonen (STC) Fri 7

Canadian Museum of nature
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Dinosaur Passage to Pangaea 3D (STC) Fri 10 Sat-Mon 10:50-1:45-3:30
Dinosaur: Passport to Pangaea (STC) Fri 11:05 Sat-Mon 11:25-2:20
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue-Thu
Tornado Alley 3D (STC) Fri 11:40-1:20 Sat-Mon 12-1:10 Fri 12:40 Sat-Mon 12:35-2:55

Coliseum Ottawa
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Beautiful Creatures (PG) No Passes
Fri-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:35 No Passes Tue-Wed 4:10-7:10-10:05 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:05
Django Unchained (18A) Fri 12-3:25-6:50-10:15 Sat 12-6:50-10:15 Sun-Mon 12-3:25-6:50-10:15 Tue-Wed 5:10-8:40 Thu 3:55-9:30
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:35-5:7:30-9:50 Tue-Wed 5:7:30-9:50 Thu 1:25-5:7:30-9:50
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) No Passes Fri-Mon 2:4:35-7:10-9:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:05-6:40-9:15 No Passes Fri-Mon 12:20-2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30 No Passes Tue-Wed 4:50-7:25-10 No Passes Thu 1:15-4:50-7:25-10
Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (14A) Fri-Mon 1:20-3:40-6:8:20-10:45 Tue-Thu 5:30-7:50-10:15 Thu 1:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 3:05-6:45-10:15 Sat 6:45-10:15 Sun-Mon 3:05-6:45-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:15-8:30
Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Mon 12-2:35-5:15-8-10:45 Tue-Wed 4:45-7:30-10:15 Thu 1:35-4:45-7:30-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Rigoletto Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Monsters, Inc. (G) Fri-Mon 12:35
Safe Haven (PG) Fri-Mon 12-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:45 Tue-Thu 4:55-7:40-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Side Effects (14A) Fri-Mon 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:10-10:50 Tue-Wed 5-7:40-10:20 Thu 1:30-5-7:40-10:20
Warm Bodies (PG) Fri 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:35 Sat 3 Sun 12:30-3-5:30 Mon 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:35 Tue-Wed 5-7:30-10:05 Thu 1:20-4-7:30-10:05 Sat 8-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
WWE Elimination Chamber - 2013 (STC) Sun 8
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 12:10-3:40-7:10-10:20 Sat 3:40-7:10-10:20 Sun-Mon 12:10-3:40-7-10:20 Tue-Wed 5:20-9 Thu 1:25-5:20-9

Empire 7 Cinemas
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

Argo (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Tue 12:40-4:6:50-9:30 Dolby Stereo Wed-Thu 4-6:50-9:30
Beautiful Creatures (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Tue 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:30 Dolby Stereo Wed-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:30
The Impossible (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Tue 12:50-3:40-7-9:50 Dolby Stereo Wed-Thu 3:40-7-9:50
Lincoln (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Tue 12-3:10-6:20-9:15 Dolby Stereo Wed 3:10-6:20-9:15 Dolby Stereo Thu 3:10-9:15
Quartet (PG) Dolby Stereo Fri-Tue 12:20-3-6-9 Dolby Stereo Wed-Thu 3-6-9
Side Effects (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Tue 1-3:50-6:30-9:20 Dolby Stereo Wed-Thu 3:50-6:30-9:20
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:10-9:40 Dolby Stereo Wed-Thu 3:30-6:10-9:40

Mayfair Theatre
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG) Sun 3 Mon 6:30 Tue 7 Wed-Thu 9
Chasing Ice (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 6:30 Wed-Thu 7
Field of Dreams (STC) Mon 1
Johnny Ghost (STC) Sat 3
The Pink Floyd and Syd Barrett Story (STC) Fri 11:15
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat-Sun 1 Mon 3:45
The Room (STC) Sat 10:45
Rust and Bone (18A) Fri 8:45 Sat-Sun 8:15 Mon 8:30 Tue 9

Mayfair Theatre Orleans
250 Centrum Blvd., 613 837-3456, orleans.mayfairtheatre.ca

Argo (14A) Fri 6:30 Sat-Mon 1-6:30 Tue-Thu 6:30
Django Unchained (18A) Fri-Thu 9:15
The Impossible (PG) Fri 6:15 Sat-Mon 12:30-6:15 Tue-Thu 6:15
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Tue 3:15-8:45 Wed-Thu 8:45
Les Misérables (PG) Fri-Tue 3:30-9 Wed-Thu 9
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Sat-Mon 12:45
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 6 Sat-Tue 3-6 Wed-Thu 6

Rainbow Cinemas
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Argo (14A) Fri-Wed 1:10-6:50 Thu 6:50 Thu 1:10
Broken City (14A) Fri-Thu 7-9:15
Bullet to the Head (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:05
Gangster Squad (14A) Fri-Thu 4:20-9:25
The Guilt Trip (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-12:40-2:50-4:55
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Fri-Thu 10-12:05-2:20
The Last Stand (14A) Fri-Thu 4-9:15
Parker (14A) Fri-Thu 10:40-4:10-9:20
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:30-2:40-4:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-1-6:30
This Is 40 (14A) Fri-Thu 6:40

Rideau Centre Cinemas
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) Digital Fri 4:10-6:50-9:25 Digital Sat-Mon 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:25 Digital Tue-Thu 6:50-9:25
Identity Thief (14A) Digital Fri 3:50-6:40-9:15 Digital Sat-Mon 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:15 Digital Tue-Thu 6:40-9:15
Safe Haven (PG) Digital Fri 3:45-6:30-9:10 Digital Sat-Mon 1-3:45-6:30-9:10 Digital Tue-Thu 6:30-9:10

South Keys
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland (G) Sat 11
Beautiful Creatures (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:30-1:20-4:10-7-9:50
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 10:35-1-3:15-5:30-7:45-9:55
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:40-11:25-1:30-2-4-4:40-6:25-7:10-9-9:45
Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (14A) Fri 10:20-12:35-2:55-5:15-7:35-10 Sat 10:20-5:15-7:35-10 Sun-Thu 10:20-12:35-2:55-5:15-7:35-10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 10:15-1:40-5-8:30 Sat 1:40-8:30 Sun-Thu 10:15-1:40-5-8:30
Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:05
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri 10:15-1:05-3:45-6:35-9:25 Sat 10:15-1:05-6:35-9:25 Sun-Thu 10:15-1:05-3:45-6:35-9:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Rigoletto Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Move to Move - Netherlands Dance (STC) Sun 12:55
Safe Haven (PG) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:45-4:25-7:25-10
Side Effects (14A) Fri 11:50-2:25-5:05-7:40-10:10 Sat 2:25-5:05-7:40-10:10 Sun-Thu 11:50-2:25-5:05-7:40-10:10
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 10:25-1:15-4:05-6:50-9:40 Sat 4:05-6:50-9:40 Sun-Thu 10:25-1:15-4:05-6:50-9:40
Warm Bodies (PG) Fri-Sat 11:45-2:15-4:30-6:45-9:10 Sun 4:30-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:30-6:45-9:10

Gatineau

Canadian Museum of civilization
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Born to Be Wild (STC) Fri 10:45
Le dernier récif 3D (STC) Fri 12:55-4-7 Sat 10:45-12:55 Sun 12:55-6 Mon-Tue 12:55-4 Wed 12:55-4-7 Thu 12:55-4
Extreme (STC) Fri-Sat 8 Wed 11:50 Thu 10:45
Flight of the Butterflies 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 3 Sun-Wed 10:45-3 Thu 11:50-3
L' incroyable voyage des papillons 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 4 Tue 9:30
The Last Reef: Cities Beneath the Sea 3D (STC) Fri 2-5 Sat-Sun 11:50-2-5-7 Mon 11:50-2-5 Tue 11:50-2-5-7 Wed 2-5 Thu 2-5-7
Nés pour être libres (STC) Fri 11:50
Space Station (STC) Tue-Thu 8

Cinéma des Galeries d'Aylmer
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Escape From Planet Earth (STC) Fri-Sun 1-3-7-9 Mon 7 Tue 1-3-7-9 Wed-Thu 7-9
A Good Day to Die Hard (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30
Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (STC) Fri-Sun 1-3:10-7-9:10 Mon 7 Tue 7-9:10 Wed-Thu 9:10
Identity Thief (STC) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:20 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:20
À Moi seule (STC) Wed-Thu 7

Ciné-starz
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

007: Skyfall (13+) Fri-Mon 9:30 Tue-Thu 7:05
Le dernier combat (13+) Tue-Thu 12
Le hobbit : Un voyage inattendu (G) Fri-Mon 6-9 Tue-Thu 12-3-6-9
Hotel Transylvanie (G) Fri-Mon 12-2-3:40-5:15
Jack Reacher (13+) Tue-Thu 3:45-9:35
L'histoire de Pi (G) Fri-Mon 1:40-3:55-6:10-8:25 Tue-Thu 1:55-4:10-6:25-8:40
Lincoln (G) Fri-Mon 6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 12-2:40-8
Les mondes de Ralph (STC) Fri-Mon 12-1:55-3:50-5:45 Tue-Thu 12-5:15
La saga Twilight: Révélation - partie 2 (STC) Fri-Mon 12
Surveillance parentale (G) Fri-Mon 12-1:50-3:45-7:40 Tue-Thu 1:55-6:05

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120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

Amour (13+) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:20 Mon 6:40-9:20 Tue 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:20
Effets secondaires (13+) Fri 7:05-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:15-7:05-9:15 Mon 7:05-9:15 Tue 1:05-3:15-7:05-9:15 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:15
Fuyons la planète Terre 3D (STC) Fri 6:30-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-6:30-8:45 Mon 6:30-8:45 Tue 12:30-2:45-6:30-8:45 Wed-Thu 6:30-8:45
Hansel & Gretel: Chasseurs de sorcières 3D (STC) Mon 9:50
Populaire (G) Fri 7:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-7:15 Mon 7:15 Tue 1:15-7:15 Wed-Thu 7:15
Sublimes créatures (G) Fri 6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:25-6:45-9:25 Mon 6:45-9:25 Tue 12:45-3:25-6:45-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:25
Un havre de paix (G) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:45-7:10-9:45 Mon 7:10-9:45 Tue 1:10-3:45-7:10-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:45
Une belle journée pour crever (13+) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:35 Mon 6:50-9:35 Tue 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:35
Vol d'identité (STC) Fri 7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7:20-9:45 Mon 7:20-9:45 Tue 1:20-4-7:20-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:45
Zombie malgré lui (13+) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:10-7-9:10 Mon 7-9:10 Tue 1-3:10-7-9:10 Wed-Thu 7-9:10

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115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland (G) Sat 11
Beautiful Creatures (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 2:05-4:55-7:45-10:35 No Passes Mon 7:30-10:20 No Passes Tue 2:05-4:55-7:45-10:35 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:30-10:20
Django Unchained (13+) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:45-8:15 Mon 8:15 Tue 1:15-4:45-8:15 Wed-Thu 8:15
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:30-5:45-8-10:15 Mon 7:15-9:30 Tue 1:15-3:30-5:45-8-10:15 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:30
Fuyons la planète Terre 3D (STC) Fri 12:50-3:05-5:20-7:35-9:50 Sat 11-12:50-3:05-5:20-7:35-9:50 Sun 12:50-3:05-5:20-7:35-9:50 Mon 7:35-9:50 Tue 12:50-3:05-5:20-7:35-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:35-9:50
A Good Day to Die Hard (13+) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:30 No Passes Mon 8:05-10:30 No Passes Tue 12:50-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 8:05-10:30 No Passes Sat 11:10
Hansel & Gretel: Chasseurs de sorcières (STC) Fri 11:50-12:45-3:5-7:30-9:45 Sat 12:45-3:5-7:30-9:45 Sun 11:50-12:45-3:5-7:30-9:45 Mon 7:30-9:45 Tue 11:50-12:45-3:5-7:30-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:30-9:45
Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (STC) Fri 1:20-3:35-5:50-8:05-10:20 Sat 11:05-1:20-3:35-5:50-8:05-10:20 Sun 1:20-3:35-5:50-8:05-10:20 Mon 8:05-10:20 Tue 1:20-3:35-5:50-8:05-10:20 Wed-Thu 8:05-10:20
Identity Thief (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 Mon 7:45-10:20 Tue 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 Wed-Thu 7:45-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Rigoletto Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Mon ami Finn (G) Sat 11
Move to Move - Netherlands Dance (STC) Sun 12:55
Parker (13+) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:30-5:15-8-10:45 Mon 7:30-10:15 Tue 11:55-2:30-5:15-8-10:45 Wed-Thu 7:30-10:15
Populaire (G) Fri 11:50-2:25-5-7:35-10:10 Sat 11:30-5-7:35-10:10 Sun 11:50-2:25-5-7:35-10:10 Mon 7:35-10:10 Tue 11:50-2:25-5-7:35-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:35-10:10
Safe Haven (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Mon 7:20-10 Tue 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Wed-Thu 7:20-10
Side Effects (13+) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40 Mon 7:40-10:15 Tue 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:05-10:40 Wed-Thu 7:40-10:15
Sublimes créatures (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:05 No Passes Mon 7:15-10:05 No Passes Tue 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:05 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:15-10:05
Un havre de paix (G) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25 Mon 7:45-10:25 Tue 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25 Wed-Thu 7:45-10:25 Thu 1
Une belle journée pour crever (13+) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:35-10 No Passes Mon 7:35-10 No Passes Tue 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:35-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:35-10
Warm Bodies (13+) Fri-Sat 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10 Sun 5:20-7:45-10:10 Mon 7:45-10:10 Tue 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:45-10:10

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Beautiful Creatures (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:05 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:50-7:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 11:45-2:05-4:30-7-9:20 Tue-Thu 5:05-7:30
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) No Passes Fri-Mon 11:50-2:15-4:50-7:25-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 5:30-8:15
Identity Thief (14A) Fri-Mon 11:20-2-4:45-7:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 5:20-8
The Metropolitan Opera: Rigoletto Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Safe Haven (PG) Fri 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:15 Sat 11:30-2:20-5:05-7:45-10:25 Sun-Mon 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:15 Tue-Thu 5:10-7:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55 Sat 3:50-6:50-9:55 Sun-Mon 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55 Tue-Thu 5-7:50
Warm Bodies (PG) Fri 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:05 Sat 12-5-7:30-10:05 Sun-Mon 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:05 Tue-Thu 5:40-8:10

Gloucester

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The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland (G) Sat 11
Beautiful Creatures (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Wed 4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Django Unchained (18A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:40-7:15-10:45
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (PG) Fri 12:15-2:35-5:7:30-9:50 Sat 11-12:15-2:35-5:7:30-9:50 Sun-Thu 12:15-2:35-5:7:30-9:50
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) No Passes Fri 1:45-4:15-7-9:30 No Passes Sat 11:15-1:45-4:15-7-9:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:45-4:15-7-9:30
A Good Day to Die Hard: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30
Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:35-10 Sun 12:40-2:55-5:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:35-10
Identity Thief (14A) Fri 12-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-6:55-8:05-9:40-10:45 Sat 11:05-12-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-6:55-8:05-9:40-10:45 Sun-Tue 12-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-6:55-8:05-9:40-10:45 Wed 12-2:40-4:20-5:20-6:55-8:05-9:40-10:45 Thu 12-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-6:55-8:05-9:40-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Life of Pi 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 3:45-6:45-9:35 Sun 3:45-7:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Rigoletto Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Les Misérables (PG) Fri 12-3:30-7:05-10:40 Sat 12-3:30-7:05-10:40 Sun-Thu 12-3:30-7:05-10:40
Move to Move - Netherlands Dance (STC) Sun 12:55
Parental Guidance (G) Fri-Sat 12:55 Mon-Thu 12:55
Quartet (PG) Fri 12:20-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat 12:20-2:15-7:45-10:15 Sun-Wed 12:20-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:15 Thu 4-9:45
Rust and Bone (18A) Thu 1-7
Safe Haven (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-7:30-10:20
Side Effects (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:50-9:25
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:35-7:25-10:05
Warm Bodies (PG) Fri 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:10-10:35 Sat 2:50-8:10-10:35 Sun 12:35-4:25-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:10-10:35
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Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 12:25-3:55-7:20-10:40 Sat 3:30-7:20-10:40 Sun-Thu 12:25-3:55-7:20-10:40

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Beautiful Creatures (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Tue 12-3:10-6:50-9:50 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Wed-Thu 6:50-9:50
Escape From Planet Earth (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 12:15-6:10 Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 6:10
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 3:15-9 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 9
Fuyons la planète Terre (PG) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 11:45-2
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) Digital, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
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3 songs for the weekend

SOUND CHECK
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Now that Valentine's Day is over, we can put the love songs away and get serious again

New You/My Bloody Valentine

MBV pretty much broke the Internet when they posted their first album in more than 21 years a couple of weeks ago. This track is surprisingly radio friendly. Odd, that.

Jubilee Street/ Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds

Nick and Co.'s new album, Push the Sky Away, will be out Tuesday. This song features the first-ever use of the line "I've got a fetus on the leash."

Anthem/ Anthrax

From an eight-song set of covers called Anthems due March 19. Marvel as singer Joey Belladonna does a pretty good Geddy Lee.

A Lil Wayne lyric offended the family of a slain 14-year-old. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Lil Wayne. Epic Records tries to take down leaked song with offensive lyrics

Epic Records is going to "great efforts" to take down a new Future remix leaked over the weekend with a vulgar Lil Wayne lyric that has offended the family of Emmett Till.

The New Orleans rapper made a sexual reference to the beating death of Till, a 14-yeae old Chicago boy tortured and shot in Mississippi in 1955 for whistling at a white woman. Till's family objected and the Rev. Jesse Jackson reached out to his management, The Blueprint Group, on the family's behalf.

The label issued a statement Wednesday night apologizing for the release of the song.

"We regret the unauthorized remix version of Future's Karate Chop, which was leaked online and contained hurtful lyrics," the statement said. "Out of respect for the legacy of Emmett Till and his family and the support of the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. ... we are going through great efforts to take down the unauthorized version."

Epic will release an official version of the song that "will not include such references."

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The doctor is out, but the skeptic is in

Zero Hour. Anthony Edwards plays a skeptic pulled into a conspiracy that spans the globe

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

When ER went off the air in 2008, Anthony Edwards seemed satisfied to leave television behind.

"Yeah, I said I would never do a one-hour television show again. I was done," Edwards offers with a laugh. But the 50-year-old actor is back with Zero Hour, a globetrotting, conspiracy-filled adventure series. So what made Edwards want to come back?

"When ER was done, I felt like I had really accomplished something. It had been an amazing eight years, and I was ready for a new adventure, which included my family and taking time and moving to New York. It really took a while to recover from that," he explains.

"I also knew that if I was going to come back to television, ... it would have to be something that was as exciting to me.

"And I just said, 'If these guys are crazy enough to tell this story, I want to do it with them.'"

Edwards stars as Hank Galliston, a lifelong skeptic who gets pulled into an elaborate conspiracy spanning the globe and centuries of history — all while trying to find his wife, who is mysteriously abducted in the first episode.

"Hank Galliston, what's great about him is that he gets to be you. He gets to be the audience in a lot of ways," Edwards explains. "He gets to go on this journey without knowing at all what's going on. He's as bewildered at the beginning, I think, as the audience is. So, for me, that's a great place to play because whatever these geniuses come up with in the scripts — which they have — and whatever these wonderful actors come up with to play with, I get to react to."

But Edwards doesn't think the fact that both Hank and the audience are meant to feel out of their depths will be a turn-off for viewers. Quite the opposite, in fact.

"I think television gets criticized for being condescending and telling stories too simply," he says. "This is going to really challenge and excite people because they're not laying it out simply. It's a complicated story, and that's a great commitment."

Zero Hour airs Thursdays on Global. HANDOUT

A gigantic spectacle

The Da Vinci Code for TV?

The globetrotting and puzzle-solving at the heart of Zero Hour may have viewers getting a sense of Da Vinci Code deja vu, as much of the tone of the new mystery adventure series seems to have a Dan Brown hue to it.

But the folks behind the show insist they weren't just trying to do a Da Vinci Code for television.

"There were kind of two mandates going into it, one of which was to deliver something gigantic. We wanted to make a spectacle," says the show's creator, Paul Scheuring, noting that he didn't want to make the mistake previous shows had made of not knowing where the core mystery of the series would be going.

"Before I even put pen to paper in any kind of sense in this, I'm like, 'What are the last frames of this series?'" he says. "So from that I then reverse-engineered this larger kind of construct and threw in all those delicious elements like the Nazis and church and such to get to that final place.

"That's a very, very long-winded way of no, it's not the Da Vinci Code."

NED EHRBAR/MWN

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Evan Rachel Wood

Wood furious over leaked ultrasound photo

Evan Rachel Wood went on a Twitter tirade after discovering that the Daily Mail had published a photo of her ultrasound. "Which sick f--- paparazzi hid in the parking lot of my hospital after my ultrasound? I can't stand this," she tweeted. "I couldn't be more furious right now. I want to cry. My child isn't even born yet." Wood is expecting her first child with husband Jamie Bell. After asking the newspaper in a later tweet to remove the image, the story was taken off its site.

Rihanna ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

RiRi losing friends over rekindling with Brown

Rihanna has received her share of criticism for reuniting with Chris Brown, who was arrested for assaulting her in 2009. And it turns out the rekindled romance is even costing her some friendships. Rihanna and Katy Perry "aren't tight anymore because Katy doesn't approve of Rihanna dating Chris Brown," a source tell Us Weekly. Perry and beau John Mayer reportedly steered clear of Rihanna and Brown at the Grammys last weekend.

Hannigan gets restraining order against stalker

Alyson Hannigan has been granted a temporary restraining order against John Hobbs, a man who has repeatedly threatened the lives of Hannigan, her husband, and their children, according to E! News. Hobbs, who was recently discharged from a mental hospital, must stay at least 100 yards away from Hannigan and her family and must refrain from posting about them online. "I still can marry you tomorrow. I can kill you tomorrow too," one Facebook posting by Hobbs last month reads.

The Word

Is Alexa Ray Joel slowly morphing into Minka Kelly?

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Pictures popped up recently of Alexa Ray Joel, the 27-year-old spawn from the famous union between Uptown Girl Christie Brinkley and Billy Joel, and they are looking a little, well, suspicious. But don't listen to what your head is telling you (and I know your head is screaming, "girlfriend got plastic surgery!"). No, read what Brinkley has to say about her daughter's changing looks.

The former supermodel went on Anderson Live on Thursday to defend her daughter, saying her transformed appearance isn't from a doctor, but rather she's "blossomed."

"She's stepping out into the world, she's doing things and now (her critics) can't even accept it — it's like, 'Oh she's too beautiful, she bought it all, it's all plastic surgery,'" she said. Brinkley says the only surgery Joel has ever "bought" is "a little tweak of her nose."

The whole thing is totally Freud-worthy (it must be rough to have Christie Brinkley as your mother no matter how cute you are) but since this is a gossip column and not a graduate-level course on psychotherapy, let's just say that if I were Minka Kelly, I'd be slightly disturbed.

Liquid Assets

Dynamic duo: Eggs and wine

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Sharing my page with Rick Mercer this week has brought out my inner rant.

It's a rant inspired by the union of booze and the most important meal of the day — breakfast.

Now, I don't mean having a few Jäger bombs with your bagel before hitting the road to work. That's why the Italians invented the skinny cappuccino.

I'm talking weekends, holidays, snow days. Those mornings where your keys stay in your coat and you can sip and savour a bevy over a plate of home cooked goodness like, say, scrambled eggs.

What makes brunch, lunch and dinner so special when it comes to an adult liquid partner pairing?

I say that breakfast has lived in its shadows for too long, and it's time we all find an opportunity to break out the stemware in the a.m.

Even with their jiggly-feel, eggs are easy on many wines. Keep things white, unoaked and fruit-forward.

Think wines made with the riesling, sémillon or sauvignon blanc grape.

Kim Crawford 2011 Pinot Gris ($19.95 to $22.99) is another good choice.

Rich, textured and tropical, it makes a fine companion for any egg dish — morning, noon or night.

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Dining on the road with funnyman Rick Mercer

Q&A. The Rick Mercer Report star shares his fave meals and places to eat across Canada, as well as a recipe for his go-to dish

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At home, Rick keeps it simple with his favourite food: scrambled eggs. SUBMITTED

Everyone's favourite Canadian funnyman Rick Mercer doesn't really sit still. His popular show, The Rick Mercer Report, sees him on the road, popping in and out of many of Canada's diverse cities.

I caught up with Rick in between his busy travel schedule to find out what he loves about traipsing across the country and what he eats on the road.

What's the best part about being able to travel across Canada regularly?
It's such a big country but I never get tired of it at all. I can't say enough (about) it. I love getting to know a part of the country. I actually do view the entire country as the "town" I live in. I am all over the country all the time and I love it.

Out of all the Canadian cities and towns you've been to, which one surprised you with its vibrancy and culture?
I love Yellowknife. It is very funky with lots of interesting people. I wouldn't say it surprised me because it's not like I went in with no expectations ... but it's just a funky, cool town.

Since you travel so much, do you find it hard to eat healthy on the road?
It's extremely difficult, to no fault of the travel, quite frankly. If you're hitting the road at 6 a.m., there are very few options. There was a decade of those terrible egg sandwiches, which everyone enjoys while they're eating but then regrets immediately after.

Rick's Scrambled Eggs

1. Whisk together the eggs, half and half, black pepper, paprika and salt.

2. Melt the butter in a large pan on medium heat. Once melted, add the egg mixture to the pan and let cook for 2 minutes.

3. Using a spatula or spoon, push egg mixture from the sides of the pan into the centre and let cook for another 2 minutes. Repeat until all of the egg mixture has cooked through.

4. Stir in any grated cheese or optional ingredients and serve.

- 6 large eggs
- 2 tbsp half and half
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp butter
- Optional ingredients: Freshly grated Parmesan, chopped tomatoes, sliced scallions, etc.

RECIPE COURTESY OF RICK MERCER

This recipe serves three. ISTOCK

What's the staple 'quick meal' for you when you're on the road with your show?
The staple on the road is the Tim Hortons' ham and cheese. I cannot tell you how many ham and cheese sandwiches have been consumed by my team and I while we're on the road. It's shocking how many of those we consume for lunch! At least it's not a burger and fries. You can't do that everyday, otherwise it's over!

If you are stuck in a lay-over, what fast food joint or junk food do you succumb to when you're hungry with nothing to eat?
Well, that depends on the airport. I do know every airport in the country! If you're in Montreal, there's a Schwartz's. You'd have mental problems if you didn't go have some smoked meat. There is no scenario where I am in Montreal's airport and not have a Schwartz's!

One of the best meals you've had was at...
Da Maurizio in Halifax. It's still, to this day, the best Italian I've eaten in this country. And, yes, I know those are fighting words!

If you had to pick one Canadian city's airport to live in for a week, which one would it be?
Vancouver has a tremendous airport with great food. I believe the (luggage) carts are free too, which I always admire in an airport. It's just a comfortable place. I could live there!

If you are at home, which is probably not very often, what do you eat?
I'm not one of those people that makes the same grilled cheese sandwich four days a week. I'm a big scrambled eggs guy at (home). Also, I think 90 per cent of the eggs you get in a fast food restaurant or while you're travelling are not particularly very good — probably because they were made the day before or something.

Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.

MIX OF SIX
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All You Need is Love

Think you've heard all things Beatles? How about a live trumpet section for Penny Lane or Yesterday with a string quartet? This Friday and Saturday the NAC presents All You Need is Love: A Beatles Tribute, where four outrageously talented mop-topped performers will electrify you with hits from the 1960s.
Feb. 15-16
nac-cna.ca

Polar Bear Scavenger Hunt

The World Wildlife Federation is teaming up with Winterlude to kick off the year of the Polar Bear with a scavenger hunt. Find five polar bears across downtown and use your smartphones to "tag" them. Learn about each of their native countries (from Russia to Canada) in this free family event. Hint: Start at Confederation Park.
Until Feb. 18
panda.org/icebear

Cousins & Grime Kings

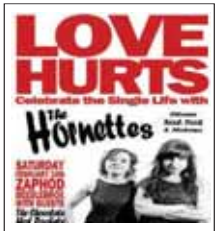
Halifax band Cousins is making waves across the country with their lo-fi indie garage-rock sound. After touring with Metz, catch the group before they become Pitchfork Magazine darlings in the small but intimate Pressed Cafe. If you like the Strokes and early '70s garage rock, this gig is not one to miss.
Feb. 15
cousinscousins.bandcamp.com

Winterbrewed

Finally a reason to come out of hibernation! Winterbrewed is the capital's first winter beer festival and will be serving up seasonal craft beers and artisanal food on Sparks Street all Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free but individual beer tickets must be purchased with valid identification. Plenty of kids activities too.
Feb. 16-17
winterbrewed.com

Undercurrents

Catch the hottest plays at the coldest time of year at the GCTC this weekend with Undercurrents: theatre below the mainstream. Hits from the Fringe Festival circuit, like a play giving a glimpse into the intimate life of a public servant, as well as two world premieres from local artists, will be performed.
Until Feb. 17
gctc.cat



Love Hurts

Feeling a little down from Valentine's Day? Let Ottawa's Hornettes serenade you with their unique blend of funk and rock 'n' roll songs that will heal your tormented heart. Celebrate the single life at Zaphod Beeblebrox on Saturday night with the female-fronted group. Didn't get chocolate? The Chocolate Hot Pockets will open.
Feb. 16
zaphodBeeblebrox.com

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Book of love. Bible that survived ocean crossing holds a family's history

It was always there: on a table, her counter or carefully laid open on a chair.

The worn black book with a cross in fading gold was one of her most treasured items. In fact, it was her only real possession after having lost everything she owned when she made the long journey from Jamaica to England and, at last, Canada, in the '70s.

Her luggage never made the trip to Canada, lost somewhere on route or perhaps left behind in England. The bible was the one true reminder of where she came from — and that was just fine with my grandma.

Yellowed on some pages, faded on others, in a way it was a representation of her life that began as a bright, ponytail-wearing child in Jamaica who had weathered severe adversity but still had a great story to tell.

It was a book her mother gave her, passed down from her mother before her. It was the only thing that survived her flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

The first words in the book were in the family tree that was found on the first page and hardly legible any more, having been written in pen so many years ago. Her mother, my great grandmother, who was born in 1916, stands as the first entry. Added names throughout the decades in different coloured ink play out like a trail to the living and preserve memories of family members passed. Family I will never know, but who hold sway in my grandmother's life (how long that life has so far been, my grandma refuses to tell. A lady never tells).

When my grandmother immigrated to Canada, she reasoned moving closer (at least geographically) to Jamaica from England and to a better job was the right decision.

As much as the cold, wet weather made her knee ache sometimes, it was her home, and the place where she'd met my grandfather — a Jamaican expatriate, like herself, looking for better opportunities away from the tiny island where they grew up.

In the end, her life in Canada was better than she would have expected. She worked hard and eventually purchased a modest place to call home and later gave birth to a cherub-faced daughter (my mother) in her adopted country.

She visits Jamaica as much as her health will allow her, but won't likely return for good. If she ever feels homesick she never lets it show, but that could be because her book, with the cross in fading gold and barely legible family tree, is always within arm's reach.

TAKARA SMALL, METRO

Takara Small and her grandmother. PROVIDED

Soaking in serenity on Salt Spring Island

Black history month. Historic photo evokes the peace found by many black immigrants in British Columbia

EVELYN C. WHITE
For Metro Canada

The stirring 1963 I Have A Dream speech by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. stands as a landmark in the black freedom movement in North America.

But more than a century before King's plea for racial justice, a group of blacks, weary of discrimination, left the U.S. and settled on B.C.'s Salt Spring Island, located in Georgia Strait between Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

Today, direct descendants of the black pioneers still reside in the pastoral landscape also hailed as a vibrant artist colony.

I was thrilled to discover Salt Spring's black history when fate brought me to the island about a decade ago.

The intriguing saga begins with Sir James Douglas (1803-1877) who, in 1858, was appointed the first provincial governor of B.C.

The son of a black woman from Barbados and a Scottish planter, Douglas, in need of skilled workers to meet a gold frenzy in the region, urged a band of blacks in California to move to B.C.

At the time, a federal Fugitive Slave Act that poised them for possible return to bondage threatened free blacks. Dispirited by an increasingly hostile climate, several hundred blacks accepted Douglas' invitation and sailed north to Victoria.

By 1859, a core group of the blacks had built log cabins on nearby Salt Spring Island, the ancestral grounds of the Coast Salish people. There, they hunted cougars, cultivated farms and cleared the deeply forested terrain for future immigrants.

Salt Spring's black pioneers included Jim Anderson, who built the community's first public picnic site on his property. Proficient on the trumpet, he routinely roused neighbours with a brisk blast of Reveille.

Salt Spring Island pioneer Jim Anderson poses for a photo on his canoe with one of the Whims children at Walker's Hooke in the early 1930s. JESSE BOND/COURTESY SALT SPRING ARCHIVES

For more on black history

- To read the three winning essays in RBC's student competition, go to metronews.ca and click on Black History Month

I was captivated by the image of a nattily dressed Anderson and a black boy in a canoe that appears in my book Every Goodbye Ain't Gone: A Photo Narrative of Black Heritage on Salt Spring Island.

Our African forebears packed like sardines in the holds of slave ships, many North American blacks have a pained relationship with boats and water. This discomfort has been compounded, over the years by our wounding experiences with segregated beaches, swimming pools and "coloured" drinking fountains.

The serenity that the pair exhibits in the photo marks the peace that has prompted a steady stream of black folk to settle on Salt Spring since the late 1850s.

Inspired by Anderson and the youngster, I braved my long-standing fear of water and learned how to swim during my sojourn on the island.

Stitching together stories of strife and success

Patch of the past. Irreplaceable quilt was born of necessity, but sewn with soul

SHAUNTAY GRANT
For Metro Canada

I'd probably seen my great-grandmother's quilt a dozen times before noticing the teal pocket gently set against a blue and white tweed.

"My sister's coat," my grandmother explained. "And those are old dresses," she added, signaling a colourful border lined with red, pink and mauve patterns.

"And the yellow?" I wanted to know.

"That was a winter top," she said. "These are all old winter dresses, coats, skirts…"

"And the brown stains?"

"Smoke stains. From when the old house burned down — the second time."

And suddenly my great-grandmother's quilt was more than just worn fabric. It was a time capsule. A memory book. A diary full of stories.

The quilt itself is just 65 years young, but the story goes back much further. As far back as the migration of American Black Loyalists and Jamaican Maroons to Nova Scotia in the latter part of the 1700s. And as far back as the wave of Black Refugees who — like the Loyalists and Maroons — settled in rural Nova Scotia after the War of 1812. Like her ancestors, my great-grandmother Annie Simmonds (1901–1986) encountered many hardships — set against a backdrop of marginalization and racial segregation, the people of her community (North Preston, Nova Scotia) were faced with brutal winters, unwanted soils and a lack of basic needs like food, clothing, and adequate shelter.

Shauntay Grant's great-grandmother's quilt. PROVIDED

Wrapped in remembrance

"Of the many winter quilts my great-grandmother would have stitched to warm her children, this single heirloom is all that remains."

Shauntay Grant

"The houses were very cold back then," remembers my grandmother. "Made of slab boards, tar paper and sealed with cardboard."

My grandmother says these old patch quilts were the best defence against the cold climate. And of the many winter quilts my great-grandmother would have stitched to warm her children, this single heirloom is all that remains.

And it's full of stories.

My grandmother tells me she remembers watching her mother piece the quilt together, sitting on a kitchen chair near the woodstove, the fabric just spilling from her lap. And she remembers how the cat got lost inside the lining, and how her mother almost stitched the quilt shut not realizing that "Fluffy" was trapped inside.

My grandmother herself has carried on this tradition of making quilts, and hers are beautiful patterns with stories of their own.

But none touches me so much as this old winter quilt come from necessity; knotted with yarn and slanted around the border; indifferent to pattern and symmetry; with heaps of stories wrapped up inside.

NHL

Players mull protection after Karlsson's cut

Gruesome cuts like the one that ended Ottawa Senators defenceman Erik Karlsson's season are not new to hockey or any sport played on skates.

But when a Norris Trophy winner goes down after his Achilles tendon is nearly severed in half, it makes players around the NHL wonder if they should start wearing cut-proof socks and other equipment that may prevent such scary injuries.

The Karlsson injury was the talk of the league Thursday after Karlsson's left Achilles tendon was cut by a skate blade during a game against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night. Many players are already wearing cut-proof Kevlar socks but a lot have either never tried them or don't like them.

"It's a tough call," said Karlsson's defence partner Marc Methot. "Most of us have never even tried them on before.

"It certainly raises awareness now. I'm going to try them out."

Senators general manager Bryan Murray lamented some players are stubborn about their equipment even if it may prevent an injury. Several high-profile NHL players have missed significant time due to skate cuts. Defencemen Kevin Bieksa of the Vancouver Canucks and Andrei Markov of the Montreal Canadiens both have had their legs sliced open by razor-sharp skates in recent seasons.

Both Buffalo Sabres goalie Clint Malarchuk in 1989 and Florida Panthers forward Richard Zednik in 2008 nearly died when arteries in their throats were slashed by errant skates.

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Ottawa Senators defenceman Erik Karlsson, centre, limps off the ice as a team trainer arrives to help him after he was cut by the blade of Pittsburgh Penguins winger Matt Cooke's skate Wednesday in Pittsburgh. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Karlsson's slashed Achilles rocks Sens

NHL. Norris Trophy winner lost for the season, adding to already long list of injured Senators

The season just got a lot more difficult for the Ottawa Senators.

The Senators will be without star defenceman Erik Karlsson for the rest of the year. The Norris Trophy winner underwent surgery Thursday to repair his left Achilles tendon, which was cut by a skate blade during a game Wednesday night against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Senators general manager Bryan Murray said Thursday the surgery went well but 70 per cent of Karlsson's tendon was cut. Recovery is expected to be at least three to four months, thus ending Karlsson's season.

"It was a clean cut and recovery is expected to be 100 per cent," Murray said. "But it does mean his year finishes at this time."

Murray had the opportunity to speak to Karlsson, saying the player felt he "got directed and got cut with a skate that shouldn't be where it was."

Karlsson, 22, was injured while being checked by Pittsburgh's Matt Cooke. The Penguins player lifted his leg in what appeared to be an attempt to pin Karlsson against the boards, but his skate blade struck the Senators' player right above his skate boot.

Injured list

- Ottawa is without forward Jason Spezza (back surgery) and defenceman Jared Cowen (season-ending hip surgery).
- Peter Regin and Guillaume Latendresse are sidelined with injuries but could be back early next week.
- Winger Milan Michalek twisted his knee Wednesday night.

Karlsson immediately slumped to the ice and was in obvious pain as he attempted to get up.

The NHL's department of player safety reviewed the incident and felt no supplementary discipline was required.

Murray was very disappointed with that decision but said his biggest concern now is dealing with the loss of Karlsson to his hockey club.

Murray was already working the phones looking for ways to strengthen his club prior to Karlsson's injury. He doesn't anticipate opposing GMs will be any more charitable now that Ottawa is without its top defenceman.

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Janssen, Romero step onto comeback trail

Toronto Blue Jays closer Casey Janssen takes part in a drill in Dunedin, Fla., on Thursday. Janssen had shoulder surgery in November following a season in which he saved 22 games for the Jays. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The sun was nowhere to be seen Thursday and eavestroughs carved puddles into the gravel at rainy Florida Auto Exchange Stadium by early afternoon.

Of course, most Blue Jays players had left by then.

Still, it was a good day's work for pitchers Casey Janssen and Ricky Romero.

Both threw from the practice mound, taking another step in their comeback from off-season surgery.

For rehabbing pitchers, making it to the mound only comes after seemingly endless tossing sessions on level ground.

"It was fun to be on a mound and throwing downhill again," said Janssen, a reliever who had shoulder surgery in November.

"Any time you get a chance to get up on that mound and see a catcher, it feels good," said Romero, a left-handed starter who had his elbow cleaned out in October and had platelet-rich plasma (PRP) injections in both knees.

The 31-year-old Janssen, who took over as closer after Sergio Santos had shoulder surgery in July, converted 22 of 25 save opportunities and finished a fine season with a 1-1 record and 2.54 earned-run average.

He is being monitored closely to ensure he does not come back from surgery too fast. He estimated Thursday he was throwing at 70 to 80 per cent of what he is capable of.

In 2012, Romero raced out to an 8-1 record but eventually tied a franchise record with 13 straight losses. He finished with a 9-14 record and 5.77 ERA in 33 starts.

With the surgery, he had plenty of time in the off-season to ponder a rotten year. Asked how that felt, he replied "Like crap," and laughed.

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"I had a bad year and that's all there is to it."

Starting pitcher Ricky Romero, who's not making excuses for his struggles last season

4 SPORTS

Murder charges come as 'a shock': Paralympic CEO

Oscar Pistorius. Double-amputee sprinter heralded for bringing Paralympic Games to the forefront

The London Paralympics were the most successful Games to date, with millions of people buying tickets to events, and Oscar Pistorius was a big part of that.

On Thursday, the South African athlete who became the poster boy for Paralympic sport was charged with murder in the shooting death of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

"It was a shock for us," said Xavier Gonzalez, CEO of the International Paralympic committee.

"Right now, the most important thing is to send our deepest condolences to the families affected by this tragedy," said Gonzalez, who is in Toronto observing preparations for the Parapan Am Games that will be held there in 2015.

Pistorius, who had his lower legs amputated before he was a year old, won two gold medals and a silver at last year's Paralympic Games in London. But what drew even more attention is that this 26-year-old made sporting history by becoming the first double-amputee sprinter to compete in the Olympics. He reached the 400-metre semifinal and competed in the 4x400 metre relay.

"We'll need to wait to see how the police investigation goes," said Gonzalez. But he emphasizes that, to date, "Oscar has been a fantastic ambassador for our movement.

"He created momentum that, in some way, contributed to what happened in London."

The London Paralympics sold 2.7 million tickets, making it the third largest sporting event in the world after the Olympics and World Cup soccer, he said. Beyond the spectators, the Games drew far more media coverage, particularly in Europe, and corporate sponsorship than previous events.

A Nike ad, featuring Pistorius in his green race suit and the tagline — "I am the bullet in the chamber. Just do it" — was removed from his personal website. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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The news out of South Africa "is not good for the Paralympics or sport in general. Oscar has become a hero with the accomplishments he's had on the track."

Martin Richard, head of communications at the Canadian Paralympic Committee

Olympics

Decision on NHLers in Sochi won't come this week

A decision on whether NHL players will head to the 2014 Sochi Olympics isn't likely this week.

Discussions were set for Thursday and Friday between the NHL, the NHL players' association, and officials from the International Ice Hockey Federation and the International Olympic Committee to see if it makes sense for North American professional hockey players to go to the Olympics for a fifth straight time.

"I don't expect any resolution or decisions this week," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly told The Associated Press in an email on Thursday.

The Sochi Games are one year away. While a final decision isn't required this week, one will have to be reached in the near future. It is believed hockey federations will need to know by May what players will be available for their teams.

The NHL have been sending its players to the Olympics since 1998 Winter Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASCAR. Romance between drivers takes centre stage on media day

Danica Patrick
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brad Keselowski strolled through the Daytona 500 Club with his cellphone in one hand and a half-empty bottle in the other.

Nope, not beer. Not this time.

Keselowski was drinking orange juice Thursday at Daytona 500 Media Day, which officially kicked off Speedweeks. Still, the reigning NASCAR Sprint Cup champion was his usual, laid-back, outspoken self, offering up some of the best one-liners during a daylong event filled with playful jokes, repetitive questions, canned answers and optimistic outlooks for the upcoming season.

For Keselowski, it wasn't all that different from his last moment in the spotlight. He just didn't have a little buzz going.

"If you drink enough orange juice, you can drink a lot of beer," said Keselowski, who memorably chugged away in Victory Lane after clinching his first Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway in November.

Three months later, he was fielding questions about defending his title, tweeting from his race car — which he famously did during last year's Daytona 500 — and the budding relationship between competitors Danica Patrick and Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

No surprise, the 50-plus drivers were asked a number of questions about the Patrick and Stenhouse saga — they announced they were dating last month.

"In some respects, it's just a relationship," five-time champion Jimmie Johnson said.

"It will keep people looking and watching and curious as to what that dynamic is on the track, I'm sure.... We'll all be watching with great curiosity." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will have to make sacrifices in one area if you want to make progress in another. At work, try to get important people on your side because no matter how talented you happen to be, you can't do it all alone.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Whatever your plans, whatever your schedules, whatever your deadlines, it is essential that you take life at a slower, calmer pace today. Everything you need will come to you if you let it. Sit back and let it happen.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may not feel brave on the inside but try to look brave on the outside. Self-confidence is the key to success now and if you can convince people you've got it you'll get what it is you desire.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may have to rely on partners and colleagues a bit more than usual over the next 24 hours. That means revealing information you might prefer to keep to yourself. Make sure you confide only in those you trust.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You cannot possibly be the best at everything — no, really! And the sooner you stop trying, the better. You will achieve more over the next few days if you stick to the two or three things you are exceptionally good at.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to get serious about something of a creative or artistic nature. You may think you are serious about it already but deep down you know you have been holding back. As from today, you must give it your all.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You don't have to suffer in silence if someone has cheated you in some way. Shout out loud about it. Kick up a fuss. If you don't make an issue of it now they will take advantage of you again later on.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Let others have their say first then, when they have finished, point out the flaws in their argument. You may not win many friends but you will make it clear you are not going to be taken in so easily.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Saturn's influence demands that you start thinking seriously about ways to make ends meet and make your money go further. In a nutshell, you must spend less or earn more. Ideally, of course, you need to do both.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Strive to make a positive impression on people in positions of authority. The more you can show them that you are on top of your game, the more likely it is they will turn to you when there is a promotion on offer.

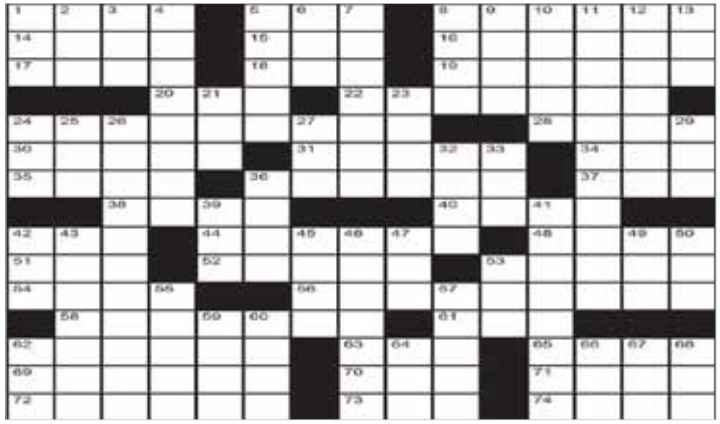
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You seem to be struggling with some serious questions about your place in the world. You certainly have not found the right answers yet. Don't worry, it's only a matter of time before it all clicks into place.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
People are looking to you to take a lead and you must not let them down. Today's Mars-Pluto link will endow you with loads of energy and no end of self-confidence. You'll need them for the tasks ahead.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

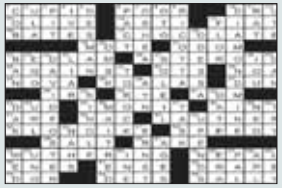
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. National __ of Canada Day
5. Prefix to 'metrical'
8. Takes on the role of: 2 wds.
14. Copy of an orig.
15. My own, in Latin
16. "Wow!", in Australia
17. Abominable snowman
18. Grass appendage
19. The Grand __
20. Prefix to 'lead'
22. Marc __, painter of I and the Village (1911, oil on canvas)
24. "Rise Up" by The __ Club
28. Earth
30. Anoint, archaically
31. Lathers
34. Dundee denial
35. __ poker
36. Baseball great Mickey
37. Explosive letters
38. Sporty brand
40. Mil. stockpile
42. UK record label
44. Deceive
48. One who must pay
51. Philosopher, __-tzu
52. Drive, do this
53. Two down, __ __ go
54. Mailed a letter
56. Phar Lap, for one
58. Creeks
61. Roadie's haul
62. Make _ __ (Reception tradition)
63. Meditation sounds
65. Receptive
69. Self-evident fact
70. 'The Science Guy', Bill __
71. Former currency in Italy
72. Mr. Safer, Canadian correspondent on "60 Minutes"
73. Mr. Mineo
74. Wool

Down
1. Use a pan
2. Kathie Gifford link
3. Inclined
4. House of __ (Monaco's royal family)
5. NBC series starring "American Idol" alum Katharine McPhee
6. Archery bow wood
7. New Brunswick city
8. Medieval silk and gold fabric
9. Rugged cliff
10. Singer Ms. Turner's
11. Niagara Falls lookout structure: 2 wds.
12. __ harp (It sounds in the wind)
13. Equivalent word [abbr.]
21. Arctic __ cap
23. Warmth
24. Not: French
25. Social bug
26. Classic rock band's venture, perhaps: 2 wds.
27. Can. neighbor
29. Allow
32. Theatrical work
33. Theological sch.
36. Convene
39. "Footloose" (1984) star ...his initials-sharers
41. Classic board game
42. Pro golfer Ernie
43. "Let Your Backbone Slide" by __ Fresh-Wes
45. Condition
46. Causes
47. Rainbow shape
49. Aliens, for short
50. Caviar
53. Electrical resistance unit
55. Hiker's snack, __ mix
57. Painter's stand
59. Being, in Latin
60. 1996 to 2001 Canadian series, "Wind __ __ Back"
62. Cash dispenser, commonly
64. "Lady Marmalade" co-singer
66. 1980s starlet Ms. Zadora
67. "To __ is human..."
68. Book publisher, __ A. Talese

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	1			7				
		2			1			5
		4			5	9	7	1
		8						2
	2	3			7		9	6
5							8	
	9	6		4	3		1	
3					8		5	
						6		3

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Channel New Orleans music and food.

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THE GATINEAU LOPPET, *Feb. 15 to 19*
One of the largest cross-country ski events in Canada is at the Mont-Blue High School, Gatineau.

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WINTERBREWED FESTIVAL, *Feb. 16 to 17*
Winterized offerings at Sparks Street Mall.

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NATURE NOCTURNE, *Feb. 22*
Enjoy exhibits and meet artists at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

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OUTDOOR SKATING AT RIDEAU HALL, *Until March 10*
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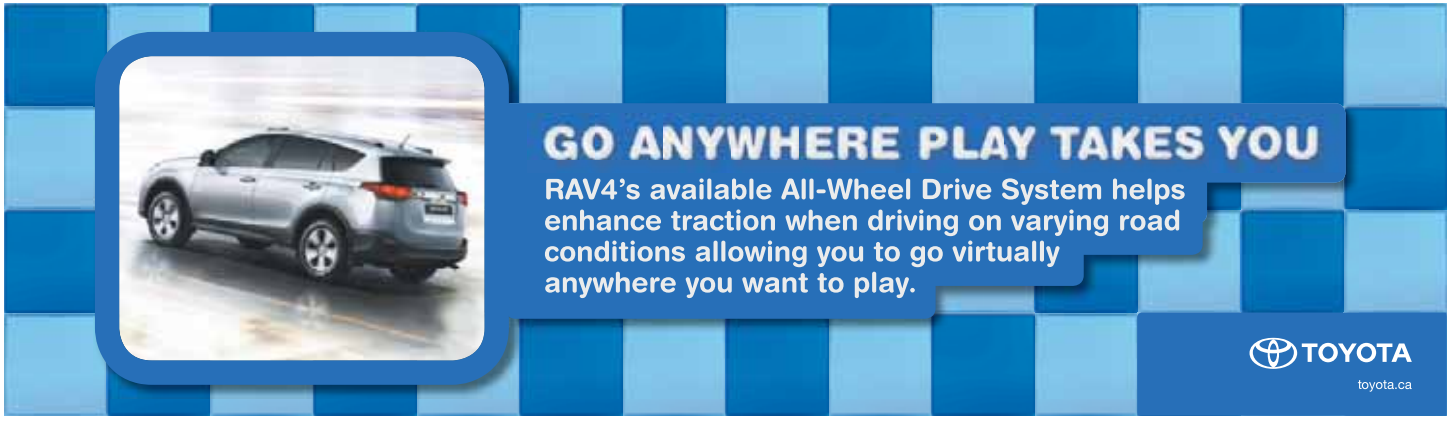
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